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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM

Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT

: Allegations About CIA at the World Youth Festival in Havana

I believe we should respond to the SSCI on the following allegations:

- 1. CIA agents sought to assassinate Raul Castro and Carlos Rafeal Rodriguez.
  - 2. CIA is responsible for the assassination of Ben Barka.
- 3. CIA attempted to kill Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Meriam.
- 4. CIA employed Michael Townley (indicted in Letelier case).
- 5. President Kennedy was assassinated with "the knowledge and participation" of CIA.
- 6. Lee Harvey Oswald was recruited by the CIA between 1957 and 1958.
- 7. CIA was indirectly responsible for the 1976 destruction of a Cubana Airlines aircraft.

I am quite sure we have already denied items 5, 6 and 7. Hopefully these other allegations are so absurd that little or no research is required to respond.

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